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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Briesen Airfield

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1. It was observed on 17 February 1951, that, by order of the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad district, a special daily train carried laborers from Luebben (N 52/A 28) to Brand (N 53/A 19) and back again. The accelerated construction at Briesen (N 53/A 19) airfield was given as the official reason.
2. A motor vehicle driver who was connected with the construction at the airfield, stated on 27 February that the airfield was a former auxiliary field, located in the triangle formed by the Brand - Oderin (N 53/V 10) - Krausnik (N 53/A 19) railroad stations; almost 2,000 laborers were employed who were transported to Luebben on two special short trains in the morning and evening; concrete mixers were being set up, and narrow-gauge field tracks for about 150 to 200 dump cars which were available were being laid; Bauunion-East Firm, whose central office was located in Klein Machnow (N 53/Z 73), had the contract for the work. \*

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\* Comment. Both sources again confirm that construction is in progress at Briesen airfield. It was previously reported that two special trains were used for the transportation of the laborers, but a work force of only 400 was mentioned. See [REDACTED] Two thousand workers is believed more probable since two trains were reported to be allocated.

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